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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

To The Commissioner for Patents:

Introductory Comments

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2008.

Reconsideration of the above-captioned application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Listing of the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page **2** of this paper.

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